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Carleton, Michigan 48117
December 9, 2003

Supreme Court Clerk
P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, Michigan 48909

RE: Proposed Court Rule No. 2003-47

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is to file an objection to the petition that has been filed with the Michigan Supreme Court to change the long standing rule of law which allows individuals with non-cancerous asbestos lung disease to seek and recover damages against companies that were responsible for their disease. The legislature introduces and passes laws; the court interprets laws.

This proposal would deny working people their constitutional right to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct.

Asbestos litigation has not clogged Michigan courts with cases. In the last four years only one asbestos case has been tried to verdict, in the entire State of Michigan. All other cases settled before trial.

I oppose Proposed Court Rule No. 2003-47.

Sincerely,

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